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Entitled: BIODEGRADABLE SURFACTANT FOR INVERT EMULSION DRILLING FLUID

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Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification including: 28 pages of disclosure, 6 page(s) of claims, and an Abstract.
- ☐ Drawings consisting of sheets.
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to M-I LLC for recording.
- ☐ A statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. 1.27.
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement including FORM 1449 and the cited references.
- ☒ Additional Items including: a return receipt post card; FORM 2038

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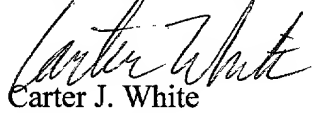
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